

LI Science & Engineering Fair, Inc.

Promoting Excellence in Scientific Inquiry and Discovery in LI Schools

LISEF 2017 Grand Award Winners

	Award	Name	School	Title
	First	Charity Russell	Commack High School	Manipulating Odor-Driven Behavior in Fruit Flies (Drosophila melanogaster)
Animal Sciences	Second	Joseph Gabriel Ribaudo	Kings Park High School	The Analysis of Sex Hormones on the Cognitive Rigidity and Behavioral Characteristics in a Rattus norvegicus Model of Pre-motor Parkinson's Disease
	Third	Steven James Montalto	Sayville High School	Analysis of the Cytochrome C Oxidase I and II Genes in Cadmium and Roundup TM -treated Compost Worms (Eisenia fetida)
	Third	Kirti Nath	Ward Melville High School	Assessing the developmental and metabolic toxicity of neuroactive pharmaceuticals using early life stage zebrafish (Danio rerio)
	Third	Hannah Emily Rosenthal	Smithtown High School West	The Sixth Sense in Mammals: Using Genetics to Understand the Evolution of the Vomeronasal Organ
	Honorable M	Sarah Elizabeth Adamo, Susell Contreras	Smithtown High School West	Using Nematostella vectensis to spotlight the ancient roots of Nicotinic Cholinergic Neurotransmission
	Honorable M	Reeda Iqbal	Brentwood High School	Marsh Mussels May be Muscles for Nitrogen

				Pollution Mitigation.
	Honorable M	Sonali Persaud, Annie Tao	East Meadow High School	The Effect of the BLMP-1 Transcription Factor on Oscillatory Gene Expression in Caenorhabditis elegans
	First	Anuj Gupta	Roslyn High School	Do Parents Really Know Best? Investigating the Relationship between Perceived Parental Goals and Academic Factors.
	First	Chloe Ann Levin	Roslyn High School	Dress to Impress: The Influence of the Enclothed Cognition Effect on Self-Esteem and Self-Efficacy
	Second	Michael William Nachman	Paul D. Schreiber High School	An Analysis of Presidential Primaries as General Election Predictors
	Second	Zhitong Wang	Jericho High School	Computational Modeling of Neuronal Networks: Clarifying Neural Dynamics for Neuropathological Investigations
	Third	Sophie Mikaela Heiman	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	The Effects of Inflated Praise on Actively Open-Minded Thinking
Behavioral and Social Sciences	Third	Alyssa Rust	Roslyn High School	Should the Radio Be Band? The Effects of Listening to Music on Driver Error and Stress
	Third	Amy Rose Shteyman	John L. Miller Great Neck North High School	The neuroscience behind smiling: An fNIRS correlation of facial expressions with neural activity
	Third	David Joseph Naiburg Weissman	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Investigating Various Determinants of Social Media Responses to the Pulse Nightclub Shooting Across America
	Honorable M	Andrew Carlins	Oceanside High School	Speech-Focusedâ€□ versus "Integratedâ€□ Stuttering Treatment: Speech Therapists' Perspectives

	Honorable M	Justin Ross Cohen	Syosset High School	Psychopathology in 9/11 Responders Exposed to Hurricane Sandy: Examining the Interactive Effects of Exposure and Resilience
	Honorable M	Kamyar Ghiam	Roslyn High School	The Perils of Pressure: An Analysis of the Predictors Associated with Academic Dishonesty, Self-Esteem, and Sleep
	Honorable M	Maxwell Raphael Schulman	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Evaluating the Impact of Political Labeling on Herding Behavior and Cognitive Strain
	Honorable M	Michael Sternbach	Bellmore John F. Kennedy High School	Are Yield Curve Inversions Harbingers of Economic Contractions in Emerging Market and Excessively Debt Ridden Countries?
	First	Rahul Chaudhry, Sahil Chaudhry	Syosset High School	A Novel Model to Efficiently Embody Platelet Morphological Change
	Second	Ruiwen Fu	Jericho High School	Potent treatment of renal fibrosis: A novel inhibitor of HIPK2-Smad3 interaction
	Second	Elin C Hu, Vanessa J Zhang	Manhasset High School	Using Antioxidants to Counteract Mitochondrial Dysfunction and α-synuclein Aggregation in Parkinson's disease
Biochemistry and	Third	Jillian Rose Pesce	Smithtown High School East	The Effect of Nutrient Levels on Chemotherapeutic Drug Efficacy in NCI-H460, Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma Cells
Translational Medicine	Third	Sarah M Romanelli	Oceanside High School	The structural, mechanistic, and clinical applications of NT5C2 in drug resistance and relapse of T-ALL
	Honorable	Jordan	Commack	The Efficacy and Effects of Combined BCL6-BTB and

	M	Cooper	High School	Survivin Inhibition in Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma
	Honorable M	Logan Benjamin Samuel	Half Hollow Hills East	The Effects of Indomethacin on Cardiac Protein Degradation in Mice
	Honorable M	Ryan Wu	Manhasset High School	Next Generation Therapy for Treatment of Cancer: Apoptosis, Vascular Disruption, and Nanoemulsion
	First	Mohamed Ehab El-Abtah	Syosset High School	Hepatic Stellate Cell-Targeting Nanoparticles for Hepatocellular Carcinoma Chemoprevention
	First	Anjali Maheshwari	Half Hollow Hills West	Using a Kinect-Based Framework for Human Motion Capture to Assist Stroke Rehabilitation Patients
	Second	Vincent Yao, Jarrad Li	Roslyn High School	Anti-cancer effects and Targeting of Bcl-2 Induced by Perilla frutescens on Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma
	Third	Sanjana Eranki	Smithtown High School East	DNA Demethylation Upregulates Alkaline Ceramidase 2 and Bioactive Sphingolipids in Cancer Cells
Biomedical and Health	Third	Erika Nemeth	Smithtown High School East	Cell-Based Delivery of Gene-Silencing Products Via Gap Junction Channels
Sciences	Third	Jake Andrew Nieto	Commack High School	An Empirical Biomarker-based Calculator for Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease
	Honorable M	Zachary Lee	Lynbrook High School	A Comparison Study of Interferential and Pre-Modulated Electrical Stimulation on the Rehabilitation of Total Knee Arthroplasty
				High Levels of ETS Family

	Honorable M	Justin Eric Leu	Roslyn High School	Members Cause Resistance to BRAF and MEK Inhibitors in Melanoma
	Honorable M	Caitlin Cristina Unkenholz	Smithtown High School West	The effects of a single nucleotide polymorphism in the response regulator PhoP acquired during Yersinia pestis evolution on the binding affinity to the ugd gene promoter
	First	Rachel Sara Sacks, Gila Rachel Schein	Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaways	The Influence of Metallized Graphene Oxide/Reduced Graphene Oxide and Sulfonated Polystyrene on Dental Pulp Stem Cell Differentiation and Protein Adsorption
Biomedical	Third	Mutahara Nuri Bhuiyan	Jericho High School	Manipulating Matter on the Nanoscale: Incorporation of a Branched Junction Inside a DNA Triangle
Engineering	Honorable M	Renata Dominique Bruno	Kings Park High School	An Investigation of the Effects of Low Intensity Vibrations on Lipid Characteristics in 3T3-L1 Adipocytes in Vitro
	Honorable M	Shaminta Hamidian	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	Exploring Structural and Functional Connectivity of Human Motor System using Diffusion Tensor Imaging and Resting State Functional MRI
	First	Marc Huo	Jericho High School	Circumventing traditional bottlenecks in glioma genetic therapy: ultra-pH sensitive nanodelivery vehicles
	First	Michael William Lai	Jericho High School	Identification of TBX3 as a Novel Regulator of Lung Angiogenesis
	Second	Sachin Patnaik	Ward Melville High School	A Novel Co-culture System for Efficient Differentiation of Hemangioblasts to CD31 ⁺ Endothelial Progenitors

	Second	Jennifer Elizabeth Rakhimov	Bellmore John F. Kennedy High School	Mitochondrial Replacement Therapy in Degenerated Retinal Pigment Epithelial Cells
Cellular & Molecular Biology	Third	Sophie Bien-Aime	Elmont Memorial High School	Rapamycin and Starvation Resistance and their Effect on Locomotion and Longevity in Drosophila melanogaster
	Third	Lindsay Anne Mistretta	Plainedge High School	An RNA-Sequencing Analysis of Conserved Processes within the Gustatory and Other Biological Systems: novel interpretations of gene functionality
	Third	Emily Ann Peterson	Smithtown High School East	Lecithin-Retinol Acyl Transferase in Squamous Cell Carcinoma: The Relationship Between Oncology and Wound Repair
	Third	Melody Chen Yang	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	Characterization of Lipid Membrane-Associated Proteins from Mycobacteria
	Honorable M	Ananya Devi Bansal, Megan Augusta Kirschner	The Wheatley School	The Effects of Coconut Oil on the Alzheimer's homolog apl-1 in C. elegans
	Honorable M	Elisabeth Dimitratos	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	Watch the Gap: A novel mechanism by which mutant p53 may exert its oncogenic properties in inflammation-related cancers.
	Honorable M	Aman Malhotra, Joshua Ibrahim, Ethan Ertel	Half Hollow Hills East	The use of miR-137 to Contrast its Effects Between Malignant Melanoma and Somatic Cells Toward the Development of A MicroRNA Based Therapeutic For Malignant Melanoma
	Honorable	Ava Marie	Sayville High	Using Barcoding Techniques on Lepidoptera Samples for Assessing

	М	McNevin	School	Authenticity of Species in Commercially Available Specimens.
	Honorable M	Setu Parag Mehta	Herricks High School	IRF5 Deficiency Leads to Increased Proliferation in Luminal Epithelial Cells, Contributing to Mammary Tumorigenesis
	Honorable M	Yingdong Wen	Long Island Lutheran High School	The Potential Molecular Effects of Caffeine on Human Long-term Memory
	First	Archana Verma	Jericho High School	Spin-Orbit Coupling Induced Heterogeneous Excited-State Dynamics in 6-Coordinate Transition Metal Protodyes
	Second	Alby John Joseph	W. Tresper Clarke High School	Optimized Fatty Acid Binding Protein Inhibitors: Augmenting the Viability of a Novel Pain-Relief Mechanism
	Second	Kristian Ming Nilsen	Oceanside High School	Growth of monolayer MoSe2 and WSe2 with the assistance of halide catalysts
Chemistry and Materials Science	Third	Grace Hu	Jericho High School	Multifunctional NGF-Au-SPIO Nanoparticles: Magnetically Directing Neurite Extension and Orientation
	Third	William Jia-Cheng Zheng, Chiu Fan Bowen Lo	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	Experimental, Electromagnetic, and Graph Theoretical Analysis of Plasmonic Near-Field Enhancement in Random Gold Nanoparticle Arrays
	Honorable M	Julia Shawn Goldsamt	John L. Miller Great Neck North High School	The Functionalization of Copper Oxide Nanosheets for Environmental Purposes
	Honorable M	Omar Amadis Ramos, Ryan Von Hof	Walt Whitman High School	The Development and Analysis of Inorganic Pigments
	Honorable	Adam Hunter Stein	Half Hollow Hills East	Role of Symmetry in the Core of Star Mesogens

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	First	Raymond Minor Huffman	Manhasset High School	Computational Analysis of Intron Retention Events in Alternatively Spliced mRNA
Computational Biology and Bioinformatics	Second	Matthew Paltiel Weinstein	John L. Miller Great Neck North High School	Identification of High-Risk Tumor Subtypes Via Unsupervised Clustering of RNA Expression and VIPER Transcriptional Factor Activity
	Third	Samantha Victoria D'Alonzo	Paul D. Schreiber High School	Statistical Modeling and SIR Modeling in New York State Counties of Syndrome X based on Text Based Indicators from Social Media and Food Environment
	Third	Anjali R Verma	Kings Park High School	Examining the Effects of Fatty Acid Binding Protein and Neuron-Astrocyte Signaling on CB1 Receptor Activation Using a Computational Model of the Endocannabinoid System
	Honorable M	Caitlin Chou	Herricks High School	Predicting Optimal and Relevant Genes for Future Study
	Honorable M	Andrea He	Syosset High School	Probing Neurovascular Coupling Efficiency in Neurodegenerative Diseases
	First	Abbigayle Emily Cuomo	Commack High School	A Study of Westward Recurving Tropical Cyclone Tracks in the Atlantic
	First	Gilbert Granger Spencer	Half Hollow Hills West	An Analysis of the Atmospheric Record Using Ice Cores from WAIS Divide
	Second	Caitlin Elizabeth Gormley	Sayville High School	Physical Risk Analysis and Potential Health Outcomes from Hydrofracturing Activities Using Geospatial Analytics in the Marcellus

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	Second	Rubin Smith	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	Reconstruction of Topography and Examination of Mammal Diversity Evolution within the Basin and Range of Western North America Since 36 Ma
	Third	Lauren Bulik Taylor Bulik, Emily Anne McDonnell	Long Beach High School	Collecting, Anayzing and Studying Microplastics in Reynolds Channel
	Third	Alan Chen	Herricks High School	Understanding the Mobility of Important Trace Elements During Basalt Weathering with Implications for the Mars 2020 Rover Mission
Earth and Environmental	Third	Jordan Stanley Matuszewski	Sachem High School East	The Negative Effects of Glyphosate on Soil Ecology
Sciences	Third	Muzaffer Cuneyd Tasoglu, Anoop Singh	Commack High School	The Relationship between the North Atlantic Oscillation and the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation
	Honorable M	Harrison Gifford Bench	Sayville High School	Microhabitat Analysis of the Green Point Tidal Wetlands Complex
	Honorable M	Kaitlyn Rose Cisz, Charlotte Marie Heo, Younghyun N/A Yoon	Long Island Lutheran High School	The Effect of Various Deicers on the Rate of Elodea Photosynthesis
	Honorable M	Jade Imani Dickenson, Sofie Bri Wilson	Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School	A novel investigation surrounding Geukensia demissa as a probable control mechanism for the invasive species Phragmites australis
	Honorable M	Casey James Macolino	Northport High School	The Nitrogen Cycle in Restored Spartina Marshes of Different Age in Jamaica Bay, NY
		Caroline		Vulnerability and Risk Predictions Derived

	Honorable M	Nicole Schwab	North Shore High School	through the History of Flooding in the Ohio River Valley
	Honorable M	Erica Sze-Tu, Elizabeth Christine Ryan	Mineola High School	The Effect of Locomotive Emissions on Long Island Plant Diversity
	First	Scott Soifer	North Shore Hebrew Academy High School	The Heat Free Car - Vehicular Heatstroke Prevention System (Second-Generation Prototype)
Embedded	Second	Michael Yoomin Lee	Manhasset High School	MFT: Improving Shallow CNN Object Tracking with Domain-Separated Feeds
Systems & Engineering Mechanics &	Third	Jared Douglas Habermehl	Commack High School	Implementing Secure Networks for the "Internet of Things"
Robotic	Honorable M	Adam Michael Canarick	Syosset High School	Assitive Tennis Technology
	Honorable M	Grace Elizabeth Smith	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Determining the Efficacy of Carbon Fiber vs Fiberglass Composite Stabilization Bar in Aircraft Landing Gear
	First	Dahyun Elle Park, Jordan Brett Sanford	Syosset High School	Utilization of Epigallocatechin gallate (EGCg) as a Shewanella putrefaciens ATP Synthase Inhibitor to Maximize Microbial Fuel Cell Performance
Energy: Chemical and Physical	First	Pavit Suri	W. Tresper Clarke High School	What is the Effect of Cellulose, as per the Conversion of P-nitrophenol Glucopyranoside into P-nitrophenol and Glucose, on the Production of Cellulosic Ethanol from Cardboard vs. Inedible Plant Material in Biofuel Manufacturing?
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	Third	Stephen Lee, Fred Chu	Manhasset High School	Solar Cells (DSSCs): Novel Methods of Efficiency and Thermal Sustainability
	Honorable M	Brandon Ray Feng, Daniel Hyunsoo Lee	Ward Melville High School	A Robust Sensor Network-based Estimation Model for Wind Fields
	Honorable M	Anushka Roy	Comsewogue High School	Zeolites Framework Effect on the Furfuryl Alcohol Conversion and Products Selectivity: Analytic and Characterization Investigation
	First	Kendra Zhang	Jericho High School	A paper-based microbial fuel cell for self-powered, low-cost glucose monitoring in saliva
Environmental Engineering	Second	Ryan Thorpe, Rachel Chang	Manhasset High School	The Development of a Mechanized Approach to Rapidly and Sensitively Detect and Purify Water Contaminated with Shigella, E. coli, Salmonella, and Cholera Through the Use of Carbon-Based Biosensors in Conjunction with Arduino-Controlled Micropipettes
	Third	Smiti Ketan Shah	Bethpage High School	Efficient Nano-Based Water Filter: A Novel Application of Biosynthesized Silver Nanoparticles (AgNP) and Water Based Carbon Nanotube (CNT) Ink
	Third	Hannah Alexis Ueshiro	Sachem High School East	Effect of Cyanobacteria and Biochar on germination rates and percentages of agricultural crops
	Honorable M	Jessica Nicole Horowitz	Half Hollow Hills West	Consolidation of Cs ₂ SnI ₆ for Nuclear Waste Applications
	Honorable M	Nicos Prokopiou	West Islip High School	The Development of Copper Filtration Systems to Reduce the Viability of Aqueous E. coli

	Honorable M	lyin Tugbobo	Elmont Memorial High School	Augmentation of concrete composites using Shear Thickening Fluids
	First	Anton Wu	Half Hollow Hills East	Discrete Ricci Flow on Discrete 3-Manifolds
	Second	Nora E Koe	Herricks High School	Shorter Shares for Formula Secret Sharing
Mathematics	Third	Albert Yan Liu	Ward Melville High School	Anomaly Detection in Time Series of Dependent Stochastic Block Model Graphs
mathematics	Honorable M	Soham Maiti	Bethpage High School	Understanding the Derivation of General Relativity and Our Movement Through Space-Time
	Honorable M	Vinny Pagano	Long Beach High School	Comparison of Lagrangian and Multivariate Interpolation
Microbiology	First	Raphael Leon Iskra	Commack High School	The Effects of Nitazoxanide on Chaperone/Usher Pathway Assembled Virulence Factors in Gram-negative Bacteria
	Second	Christopher Hyunjoon Moon	Syosset High School	Identification of Novel Immunoreactive Antigens of Babesia microti
	Third	Joel Lima	Elmont Memorial High School	Biochemical and Structural Study of the Escherichia Coli Transcription Elongation Complex with λN and HK022 Nun
	Honorable M	Zan Z Ahmed	Syosset High School	Solubility Enhancement of the BHBM Drug through an In Vitro Cryptococcal Neoformans and J774A.1 Murine Cell Line Model
	Honorable M	Cindy Li	Smithtown High School East	Investigation of innate immune response against Candida albicans in mouse immune cells

	First	Rushabh Mehta	Syosset High School	Exact Muon Orbit Distortion with E821 β function
Physics and Astronomy	Second	Nestor O Tkachenko	Ward Melville High School	Can Cars Fly? Eddy Current Magnetic Levitation as Viable Technology
	Third	Jason Getzler	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Controlling Coherence in the Product Channel from a Direct, Uni-Molecular Dissociation Reaction
	Third	Matthew Ko	William A. Shine Great Neck South High School	Extraction of the Specific Shear Viscosity of the Quark-Gluon Plasma from Measurements of Flow Harmonics in Au+Au Collisions at 200 GeV
	Honorable M	Adam Arash Pahlavan	Jericho High School	Connecting the Spin-Diluted Ising Model to Bacterial Chemotaxis: A Cluster-Based Approach to Characterizing Chemoreceptor Dynamics
	Honorable M	Ziad Walid Sabry	Lindenhurst Senior High School	Something from Nothing: Signal in 280,000 Measurements of Empty Sky
	First	Talia Blum	Plainview Old Bethpage JFK High School	Optimizing Supercomputer Topologies: Developing Probabilistic Algorithms to Construct More Efficient Node Networks to Increase Supercomputer Speed
Systems Software	Second	Suki R Tekverk	Kings Park High School	The Design of an "A Programing Languageâ€□ Library for Financial Data Calculations and Analysis', Paired with a Solving Algorithm
	Third	Kyle Anthony Markland	Rocky Point High School	Improving GPS Accuracy Through Integration of an IMU and Novel Software
	Honorable M	Shani Kahan	North Shore Hebrew Academy High School	Search Engine Optimization (SEO): Majestic Backlink Exporter

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Jacob R Strieb Huntington High School Assessing the security of the Mainline DHT BitTorrent network with regard to malware